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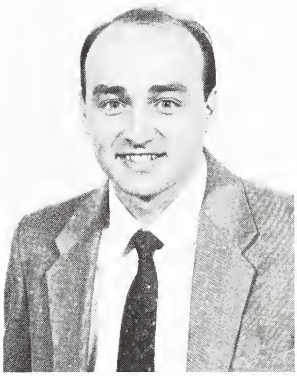


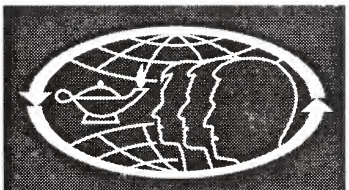
Richard Brunson

All Christians Called To Be Ministers

All Christians are called to be ministers, but all are not called to be preachers. I'm not ordained, but I'm a minister.

Several months ago I was flying from Raleigh to Memphis for a meeting. It was the last flight of the night and the plane was almost empty. Right before the stewardess closed the door an elderly gentleman got on the plane and made his way down the aisle to where I was sitting. I was sitting in an aisle seat and this man was assigned a seat next to me. As I stood up to let him get to his seat, I asked him how he was doing. His reply, "terrible, my wife of 55 years died in a car accident today," caught me off guard. As we talked he shared that he and his wife were traveling when his car was hit on the passenger side and his wife was killed instantly. Now he was on his way back to St. Louis to be with his family. His children and grandchildren would be waiting for him at the airport. For the rest of the trip we talked and prayed and cried. You can't convince me that it was just a coincidence that this man was assigned a seat next to me. You can't convince me that the Delta ticket agent made the seat assignment. This incident reminded me that God often puts people in our paths for us to minister to — and God often puts people in our path to minister to us. It also struck me that, often times — when the situation is not as dramatic, I don't recognize the people, the needs, and the opportunities that God has put before me.

Yes, all Christians are called to be ministers, and not only are we called to minister, but we are gifted for ministry, and then we are sent to be salt and light in the places where we work, worship, play and live. Our task is to minister in God's power.



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On the Cover

From Dec. 27–Jan. 1, 530 N. C. Baptist volunteers help clean-up and rebuild in the south Miami area, caused by the devastation of Hurricane Andrew last September. (More information on p. 4)

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Reflections From Our Past President

Editor's Note: Raiford Troutman of Concord has served as president of N.C. Baptist Men for the past four years. We are grateful for all that he has done. We've asked him to share some of his feelings concerning his service with Baptist Men.

Life is a span of time in which we have the privilege of setting a goal and working toward the call of becoming more like our Master. The years, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, stand out in my mind as the highlight period of my life through learning to know so many of God's workers in North Carolina Baptist Men.

The state of North Carolina is divided into 10 regions. Emphasis on mission projects is led in each region by the following directors:

C. C. Howell (region 1), Max Miller (region 2) John Ross (region 3), Bill Law (region 4), Harry Harkey (region 5), Coy Privette (region 6), Bob Hollifield (region 7), Bob Foy (region 8), Fred Sealy (region 9) and Paul Crisp (region 10).

I have been thankful for the leadership these men have provided. All 10 regions are active and increasing in number of dedicated volunteers.

As Baptist Men have grown in number, physically and spiritually, they have caught a vision and become involved in the 11 mission ministries led by the following coordinators:

Dana Hall (combatting moral problems), Joe Lawing (correctional ministries), Richard Crapps (disaster relief ministers), Ernie Grigsby (homeland mission projects), Chick Byrd (lay renewal), Don Green (lay revival), Herb Davis (medical missions), Robert Stroup (overseas mission projects), Buddy Freeman (prayer support), and Jim Burchette (resort ministries). Buck Hill, until his untimely death in an automobile accident this year, served as coordinator for agricultural ministries. A new coordinator for this area will be named at the 1993 Baptist Men's Convention in January.

God has called every man into a special ministry. He gave talents to everyone, and sent us out to minister. Within these ministries I have watched men use the talents that God gave to them. Men continue to expand these talents. Invite your best friend to use his talents and get involved personally in mission activities.

Two men, Jimmy Huffman and Lonnie Reynolds, have joined the Baptist Men's staff in the Cary office. New ideas and new enthusiasm will add to the present program. The year 1993 will be the year for you to exercise those extra talents. I will suggest a few of the opportunities that will be available for you.

1. The "Handyman" ministry in your local church and community. If your church does not offer this ministry, you may want to use your talents in starting one.
2. Help start a new church or help to build a church in your region.
3. Go to New York and witness, help with construction and offer your assistance to the large number of unchurched people.
4. Go to Florida where Hurricane Andrew left a broad ministry and the needs are so great.

North Carolina Baptist Men are putting into practice the mottoes they learned as Royal Ambassadors. This has been displayed by many North Carolina citizens giving gifts to the people in Florida, construction work, clean up and serving over 170,000 meals from our Disaster Relief Van.

I want to thank the staff of North Carolina Baptist Men for the support and cooperation given me over the past four years. It seems like a dream how Baptist Men have responded to the mission requests and goals that were set and surpassed. All these things were made possible for Baptist Men to accomplish through the strong support of spouses and families for which I am grateful. There is a sweet, caring and cooperative spirit in the North Carolina Baptist Men family.

I challenge you, stay busy helping others and God will bless you for doing these things. As we work together, we learn to love each other more and that is what it is all about. I encourage you to give complete support to the Executive Director, Richard Brunson, and remember him in your prayers as he leads us in the coming days.

My faith in God and man has been strengthened as I experienced the honor and privilege of serving as President of North Carolina Baptist Men for the past four years. My wife traveled with me across the state of North Carolina and we gained many

close friends that are enjoying the blessings through helping others and sharing the story of Jesus Christ.

Here is a special prayer request. Please remember Addison Sutton in your prayers. Addison is the nine-month old daughter of Ben and Sally Sutton. She was born with glaucoma and has recently had surgery which went well. You can contact Ben and Sally Sutton at PO Box 7272, Winston-Salem, NC 27109.

N.C. Baptist Men T-shirts are available

The dark blue N.C. Baptist Men's t-shirt is available from your Baptist Men's office at a special reduced rate of $4.00 per shirt. Right now adult large, X-large, XX-large size shirts are available. We will not be reordering shirts after we sell all that are in stock. To order complete the information on the back page. Make your check payable to N.C. Baptist Men and add $2 per order to cover shipping and handling. This is a very attractive shirt at a very good price.

OPERATION: ANDREW II

North Carolina Baptists are going back to Florida on a Hurricane Andrew rebuilding mission trip in February and March. The North Carolina Baptist Men's office has issued a request for approximately 300 construction volunteers to spend the weeks of February 21–26 and February 28–March 5 helping rebuild in the south Miami area. The request is extended to both men and women.

All building materials will be provided and North Carolina volunteers will be fed from the state Disaster Relief Unit. However, crew members will be expected to bring their own tools. Mission volunteers are responsible for their own transportation. We will be based at Second Baptist Church, Richmond Heights.

If you have a motor home, travel trailer, or tent, bring it. A very limited amount of housing can be arranged at Second Baptist by contacting the N.C. Baptist Men's office. You will need to provide a cot and a sleeping bag.

This will be a *mission trip* that will nvolve many hours of hard work and some inconvenience on the part of our North Carolina volunteers. The rewards, however, will be far greater than the inconvenience.

The N.C. Baptist Men's office needs confirmation by February 1 of church groups/individuals/families who plan to participate in this mission trip. Complete the registration below and mail to: N.C. Baptist Men, P.O. Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107, 1–800–395–5102 or Fax: 919–460–6329.

OPERATION ANDREW II REGISTRATION

Group Leader Name _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

People _____ Day Phone _____ Church _____

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time _____ Departure Date _____

❑ FEBRUARY 21–26 ❑ FEBRUARY 28–MARCH 5

HOUSING: ❑ Camper ❑ Tent ❑ Church facilities needed

Do you have a person that would serve as a crew chief? ❑ YES ❑ NO

Crew Chief _____

Address _____ ZIP _____

Day Phone _____ Skills _____

GROUP SKILLS: ❑ construction ❑ medical ❑ plumbing ❑ electrical ❑ painting
❑ nurse/emt ❑ drywall ❑ roofing

Reflections After Hurricane Andrew

The Glendale Baptist Church at Richmond Heights, Florida was almost totally destroyed by Hurricane Andrew in late August. There is still plenty of evidence, particularly in the sanctuary. The great laminated wooden arches once lifted above the spirited singing of this almost totally black congregation rest at differently pitched angles across the remains of the furnishings. The organ was tossed and lies crusted in a pile of rubble. The piano looks like it did a blackflip and landed on its top.

The pulpit is destroyed. Not far from it rest the broken glass pitcher and water glass from which the pastor occasionally refreshed himself while delivering the oracles of the almighty.

A large metal cross which once stood atop a stone tower beside the building was tossed down and is now on the floor at a 45 degree angle on its side. A large ball of concrete was somehow blown onto the end of the crossbeam and hangs awkwardly there. Incidentally, I found a hymnal just below and in front of that cross. It was still soggy and bleached with the sun. Its curled pages were open to No. 245 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

This church building is in about the same condition as all of the others in South Florida as a result of the storm. Some were completely blown away, others less severely damaged.

Worse than that, 80,000 residences were destroyed. So were nearly all businesses, schools and other public buildings. Thus, people's homes, possessions, gathering places and jobs have been destroyed to one degree or another and will be a long time coming back. Many will never make it.

Into this tragic scene has poured the help of much and many from all over our nation. The Disaster Unit of the Baptist Men of North Carolina served 10,000 meals a day for four weeks. Three units from three other states are still serving 50,000 meals daily.

In a week's time the group of 15 from North Carolina I was with put temporary roofs on 138 houses of some very appreciative people. We were joined with two young men from Boston and some from Virginia who had come to the area just wanting to help and asking for nothing in return.

As I watched their outpouring of love and labor I was reminded of the scripture in Matthew 25: "I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

One other thing remained in the sanctuary at Richmond Heights. It was the front piece of the Communion Table. It had been torn off in the storm and rested unevenly for all to see and read: "This Do In Remembrance of Me." These volunteers were not taking Communion but it does seem to me that they were remembering Him.

Vic Greene
Spruce Pine, NC

STAFF UPDATES

LEE SADLER was born in Norfolk, Virginia and moved to Charlottesville when she was eight years old. There she grew up, met and married her husband, Lindsay.

Lindsay attended Southeastern Seminary, graduating in 1985, and pastored Liberty Baptist Church in Charlottesville for six years. Lee worked as office manager for the Albemarle Baptist Association in Charlottesville. Lee and her family lived in Fallston, North Carolina, where Lindsay pastored Fallston Baptist Church for three years. While there, Lee worked at Cottonwood Veterinary Hospital in Shelby.

She began work in the Baptist Men's Department January 4, 1993. Before joining the staff here, she worked part-time at St. John's Baptist church in Raleigh. Lindsay now pastors Emmanuel Baptist Church in Raleigh, where he has been for two years. Lee (and Lindsay) have three very active teenagers; Crystal – 17, Jon – 15 and Angela – 13, who keep their parents very busy with their individual schedules and interests. Lee teaches Sunday School at Emmanuel and also sings in the choir. Her interests include reading, counted cross stitch, walking, and THE University of Virginia football and basketball teams.

FATIMA ROMA is from Brasilia, Brazil and has been in North Carolina since 1984. She graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1988, in Religious Education and has an undergraduate degree in Pedagogy (Teaching Education) from the Universidade do Distrito Federal.

Many of you already know Fatima through her work at the Baptist State Convention in Cary, where she worked as the Office Coordinator for the São Paulo/North Carolina Partnership from 1988–1992.

Fatima is now working with our department as Office Coordinator for the Ukrainian Partnership, beginning this year.

Although Fatima's family is in Brazil (she has one brother, three sisters, a handsome three-year old nephew and a gorgeous 18-month old niece), she says God has brought her to North Carolina where she found a place to serve Him, and many wonderful friends she considers her extended family. She likes calling North Carolina home.

Congratulations to **JIMMY** and **MELANIE HUFFMAN** on the birth of their daughter **KATELYN FAYE** on January 11, 1993. They also have a son Jarrett, age 3.

'Building Ministry' Part of New York Project

The New York Partnership continues to progress as more and more churches and church groups in North Carolina get paired up with the needs of the churches in New York. Rex Everhart, the New York/North Carolina Coordinator, works in the NCBM office one day each week, to coordinate the pairing of these needs. For more information on this partnership, please contact Rex at the NCBM office.

In May of this year our president, Raiford Troutman, appointed a committee to evaluate the direction of the Homeland Projects Ministry of NCBM. This committee consisted of Ernest Grigsby, Homeland Projects Ministry Coordinator, Bob Foy, Region 8 Director, John Freeman, NCBM Recording Secretary, Richard Brunson, NCBM Executive Director, and Raiford Troutman, president of NCBM. This committee has been meeting and evaluating the overall direction of our ministry and on October 10, 1992 made a recommendation to the NCBM Executive Committee and got the approval to proceed.

The following is a summary of this Committee's recommendation:

1. The position of Coordinator of Construction Volunteers as a contracted staff position be phased out at the conclusion of the current projects. The current projects include Houck's Chapel, Hickory, N.C.; Lucia Baptist Church, Lucia, N.C.; Faith Baptist Church, Stanley, N.C.; Linden Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.; and Oakland Memorial Baptist Church, Lowell, N.C.

2. In the future the responsibilities that the Coordinator of Construction Volunteers had will be divided as follows:

a. It will be the responsibility of the church or other institution to provide an on-site contractor for the purpose of directing the work of the volunteers, assisting in the securing of the proper building permits, assisting the institution's building committee with their planning, etc.

b. The Regional Homeland Project Coordinators will assume the responsibility of recruiting volunteers for the projects in their regions. The Regional Coordinator will work with the on-site contractor and/or other person designated by the institution in getting the names of volunteers who are willing to come to the site to work on the building.

c. The name(s) and phone numbers of the on-site project coordinators will be on the Home land Projects List.

The focus of North Carolina Baptist Men has been and continues to be one of involving men and boys in missions related activities. The strength of our organization has been its ability to gain the involvement of volunteers in the variety of ministry areas we sponsor. It is the thinking of the Steering Committee that this new process will enhance this focus by getting more people involved in our construction ministry in the regions that currently are not being reached. In addition, we are currently reviewing 14 requests for the building of new mission churches. With the current way that we are working it would take 4 to 6 years to get all of these accomplished. Again it is our hope that we will be able to respond to more of these requests with the new direction we are taking. The leaders of the Homeland Projects Ministry covet the prayers of each of you as we make these changes. All change is hard, but with the continued guidance of our Lord many great things can be accomplished.

Under a separate article in this edition of Men in Missions is information concerning our first attempt at executing these new procedures. The Brunswick Islands Baptist Church is currently gearing up to raise their building the last two weeks in June, 1993. For more information refer to this article, or call Cameron Norris, the site volunteer coordinator, at 919–754–4839, or call the NCBM office.

With the hiring of a Coordinator of Construction Volunteers (Wayne Honeycutt) in 1988 we gained the knowledge of an experienced contractor who over the years has worked with many volunteers. Wayne's ability to work with volunteers has greatly enhanced their capabilities and many churches and other institutions have benefitted tremendously from this work force. We extend our most sincere thanks for the leadership Wayne has provided over the past several years and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Ernie Grigsby, state coordinator
Homeland Missions
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Volunteers Needed to Build New Church Building

Brunswick County. Stretching from the banks of the Cape Fear River to the South Carolina line, with 50 miles of sandy beaches, sand dunes, salt marshes and golf courses spread along the Atlantic Ocean, this vacation resort area is the second fastest growing county in North Carolina.

In the center of this paradise, divided by the intracoastal waterway, with Highway 17 on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other, are the communities of Supply and Holden Beach. This area is the fastest growing area in the county.

A little more than two years ago, thirteen believers banded together and formed the Holden Beach Baptist Mission. Their dream was, and is, to provide a place of worship where all people are made to feel welcome regardless of their birthplace, creed, culture or denomination. From this small beginning, God has blessed and the mission has now evolved into the Brunswick Islands Baptist Church with 135 members growing every week. The goal of this church is to reach the unchurched, bring them into a relationship with Jesus Christ, and to equip them and send them into the "Market Place" to reach others for the Lord.

Shortly after its inception, the church began meeting in a converted store building. Already the church has outgrown this facility. A new building is needed very badly. Eight acres of land have been purchased and paid for, a

building fund has been established, and plans have been drawn for the new building. Assistance is being sought for the construction of the building. Current plans are to raise this building during the last two weeks in June. We are asking volunteers to begin making plans now to assist in the construction of this building. While construction is underway, surveys will be conducted in the surrounding communities and back-yard Bible schools will be held during the day. Revival services will be conducted each night in the Baptist tent on the church site. All meals will be prepared daily either on the church site or in a community center nearby. A nursery will be provided in the present church building.

There will be a local job-site coordinator, and foremen who will supervise each craft. All you need to bring are your clothes and your hand tools.

The Brotherhood men from the Riegelwood Baptist Church have voted to head up construction during the first week and plan to invite friends from West Virginia whom they assisted in building a new building a few years ago. They will welcome any assistance during this week.

Campers, tents, RV's, motels and the homes of church families will serve as housing. It would be wonderful if those having campers but who are unable to come would be willing to make them available for volunteers to use.

If you are unable to help in the construction, come anyway and take part in the surveys and back-yard Bible schools. Bring your family, your friends and your hand tools, whether it be a hammer or a Bible — and God will richly bless you.

For more information, please call or write: Brunswick Islands Baptist Church, 3004 Holden Beach Road, Supply, NC 28462, or call Cameron Norris at 919–754–4839.

Cameron Norris
Route 3 Box 795–A
Shallotte, NC 28459

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

Recognize Your Volunteers February 28

February 28 is the day set by Southern Baptist Churches to recognize those who are serving, or have served as a volunteer. Your church probably has members who are volunteers and should be encouraged in some way that day. A survey of those who have volunteered from your church would be interesting to your congregation and you may be surprised how many ways your church is ministering to the world through volunteers. Some may serve only a day, others a weekend or week, and some a month, a year, or more.

Some volunteers serve in highly visible ministries, yet many serve in areas that only they and the Lord know. On volunteer day we need to be sure to encourage both.

Volunteers seldom serve for or expect recognition for their efforts and because of this, many of their own church members never hear of how God is using them. However, if called on to report on their involvement, most will give testimonies that will glorify their Father and excite those who hear them. Remember, you probably have volunteer testimonies that need hearing in your church. Others yet to serve in a volunteer capacity can and will be challenged to volunteer themselves when they learn of the many ways they can be involved.

Those who recently served in Florida, assisting with Relief work needed because of Hurricane Andrew, will be telling their stories for a long time. When you hear their reports, you will not often hear of the troubles and hardships that they had to endure, because of the joy of serving that accompanied it. Many wanted to go to Florida and help but were not able to, so they sent money instead. Volunteer day would be a great chance to hear reports on how their gifts were used. Why not see if your church would allow a Florida relief volunteer to speak for volunteer day?

Volunteer opportunities overseas and at home are available through the many ministries of North Carolina Baptist Men. Both our Home and Foreign Mission Boards sent out volunteer needs list, telling of the request for volunteer help from our missionaries.

You, (yes the one reading this article) need to be involved. God has uniquely gifted and called each of us to minister in His name. If you haven't yet experienced the joy of volunteering in His name, why not seek out your place, where your special talents and gifts are needed.

Those of you who have volunteered in Poland, Florida, Brazil, Russia, or other foreign countries, as well as in construction projects in NC or other states, or in Lay Renewals, Lay Revivals, Resort & Recreation projects, Correctional Ministries projects, or any of our other ministries are invited to join in our volunteer celebration supper at our NCBM convention on Saturday evening January 16, in Raleigh.

For more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

Bob & Phyllis Foy
State Volunteerism Coordinators

DISASTER RELIEF

Training Session Set April 23-24 at Caraway

On April 23–24, 1993, NCBM will sponsor a Disaster Relief training at Caraway Conference Center in Asheboro. The areas of training are: mass feeding, counseling, recovery, and associational ministry. There will also be training for truck drivers and ham radio operators. The cost of this weekend will be $41.00 per person, which includes one night's lodging, three meals, training manual and expense of training. There is a $10.00 per person non-refundable registration fee. Dead- line for registration is Friday, April 16.

For more information and registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

Ukraine Partnership Begins in 1993

North Carolina Baptists have just entered a three-year partnership with the Ukraine Baptist Union. There are 1200 Baptist churches in the Ukraine Baptist Union. Baptist churches in the Ukraine are strong and growing. There is an openness to the gospel and to Christianity today that there has never been before. There are great needs and great opportunity right now in the Ukraine. In partnership with the Ukraine, we will be responding to their requests. Their three primary requests are:

1. To support 100 Ukrainian Baptist home missionaries. It takes $60 a month to support a Ukrainian "home missionary".
2. To help build a seminary in Kiev, Ukraine.
3. To help them (financially and with construction teams) to finish the 16 churches below that are under construction.

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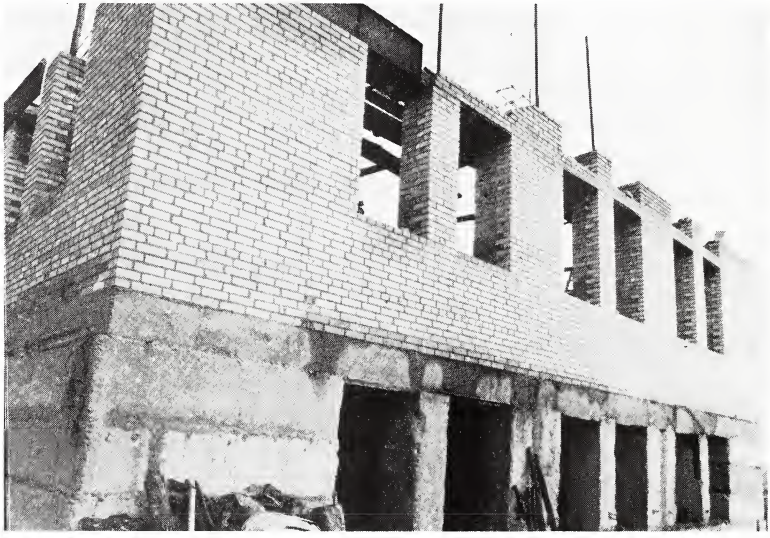

Borodyanka Baptist Church is now under construction. (See #7 below)

List of the Baptist Churches in Ukraine that urgently need help to finish church construction:

	City	Direction	Distance from Kiev	Pastor	No. of members	No. of seats	Amount of US $ needed
1.	Symferopol'	South	1100km	Vaciliy V. Tymoshenko	800	1200	$5,000
2.	Dnepropetrovsk	South-East	550km	Anatoliy N. Shvachko	1000	1300	$5,000
3.	Zaporozhye	South	600km	Leonid A. Petrenko	200	450	$4,500
4.	Poltava	East	400km	Anatoliy S. Semeon	300	500	$3,000
5.	Kiev (Central)	In city		Jacov K. Dukhonchenko	1600	1800	$6,000
6.	Fastov	South	100 km	Vladimir S. Lyepesha	150	350	$3,000
7.	Borodyanka	West	50km	Stepan A. Krivoruchko	80	250	$3,000
8.	Popelnya	South-West	150km	Nikolay I. Daineka	50	250	$3,000
9.	t. Chernyakhovsk	West	140km	Anatoliy O. Sobchenko	50	150	$2,000
10.	t. Borispol'	East	50km	Igor' N. Vanchugov	40	100	$1,000
11.	Kiylov	East	70km	Michael M. Andrashko	60	300	$4,000
12.	Dumantsi	South-East	200km	Ivan D. Sirenko	50	100	$1,000
13.	Zdvizhevka	West	40km	Michael P. Vakhnenko	30	150	$2,000
14.	t. Kamenka	South-East	250km	Peter D. Shalko	100	250	$1,500
15.	Vinnitsa	South-West	300km	Ivan A. Malinich	900	2000	$5,000
16.	Ivanovka	West	200km	Pavel V. Razvodovskiy	40	100	$2,000

THE BEST OF TIMES

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

WEEK OF PRAYER: FEBRUARY 7-14, 1993
NORTH CAROLINA OFFERING FOR OLDER ADULTS
GOAL: $400,000

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES

OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

There is an advocacy group for Older Adults called PACE, a "Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly." Its by-line goes like this:

"PACE offers the aged, in their declining years, release from needless pain, impairment, neglect, and humiliation. The prospect of autonomy and comfort in our final years is a gift not only to the aged. Sometime sooner or later, we shall all be as they are. Their present is our future. In serving them we serve no other than ourselves."

The Population Reference Bureau recently reported that the number of Americans 65 and older will reach the 65 million mark by the year 2030 (as compared with 30 million today). By 2030, there will be more Americans over the age of 65 than under the age of 18.

The North Carolina Division of Aging in its March 1991 report noted that the number of North Carolinians 65 and older is projected to increase 46.7% between 1990 and 2010. The overall population by comparison will increase by only 17.6%. It is also predicted by some that the next twenty years could see North Carolina's population of Older Adults nearly double to 1,175,800. Some suggest that by 2030, one out of every two people living in North Carolina will be older than 55. It should also be noted that half of the people age 85 and older need assistance with such basic needs as eating, bathing and dressing.

Being able to age ... to grow older with dignity, autonomy, and comfort is a "gift" that can only become a reality if all of us (both young and old) begin NOW to do something to ensure that it really happens.

In the pages that follow, you will find information relating to what North Carolina Baptists are trying to do to meet this great need ... to make the "Gift" of aging with dignity a reality for Older Adults in 1993 as well as for future generations.

It is my hope that by reading this information ... and getting to know some of the personalities who make up the Baptist Retirement Homes and in understanding its ministry with and programs for the Older Adults of our State that you'll be moved to realize that in supporting this ministry and serving the elder population of our Convention, that we, not only serve the present need, but also prepare for our future.

William B. Stillerman
President
Baptist Retirement Homes
of North Carolina, Inc.

MYRTLE JARRETT

Myrtle Jarrett was one of those church women who was there every time the door was open, who volunteered to help where needed, who saw to it that those in need got help. As the wife of a Baptist pastor, the late John Jarrett, Mrs. Jarrett was active in WMU, Sunday School, and Training Union at Center Hill Baptist Church in Lexington.

When her husband died in 1964, she moved to Winston-Salem to live with a daughter. It wasn't long before she was equally active in programs at Ardmore Baptist Church there, attending Sunday School and church regularly, working with the WMU and the Senior Adult ministry.

She was known in particular for her handwork. At one time, she taught quilting to the residents of Resthaven, the first home operated by Baptist Retirement Homes. At another time, she crocheted collars and sold them to raise money that she donated to missions projects.

Eight years ago, when that daughter died and knowing she needed assistance for most of the chores of daily living, Mrs. Jarrett, now 91, chose to go live in a Baptist Retirement Homes facility. There she and her children knew she would get the loving care and assistance that she had for so long provided to others.

People over 75 are active volunteers- 23% give their time to charity, 22% care for sick or disabled people and 19% help younger family members.

Brookridge Director of Nursing, Julia Horton, & Myrtle Jarrett

THE ELDERLY POOR

A major myth seems to have made its way into the American conscience. That myth would have us believe that all Older Adults are rich and can take care of themselves.

That is simply not true. Statistics show us that this state's population of Older Adults is projected to nearly double over the next 20 years. About 60% of those who will need nursing care will exhaust their financial resources after receiving three years of care. North Carolina Baptists could be facing a real crisis if adequate planning to meet this need is not begun in the immediate future.

The "Homes" uses its offering money to pay that part of the cost of care provided the poor elderly that the State does not pay.

The traditional sources of benevolent funding are shrinking, says William B. Stillerman, President of Baptist Retirement Homes. "Traditional funding sources for the poor elderly who need long-term care services - county, state and federal funding - are not keeping pace with the increasing cost of care for an individual in a long-term care facility." Medicaid in North Carolina, for example, pays only 70-80 % of the cost of care for these Older Adults.

"North Carolina's population of Older Adults is projected to nearly double over the next 20 years"

This ever-widening gap between cost and reimbursement is causing a real problem for Older Adults with limited financial assets . . . namely, difficulty in finding care when they need it.

"Long-term care doesn't work like a hospital," Stillerman adds. "Often in the acute care setting, you pay for your room plus a bit more to help cover the cost of a room for somebody who can't pay. In the long-term care setting, benevolent funding must be secured from sources other than operating income . . . i.e., gifts, etc."

A top concern for Baptist Retirement Homes are those Older Adults who are not sick enough to need skilled nursing care (which is reimbursed by Medicare), but who suffer from chronic diseases associated with the elder years and need institutional assistance with medications, bathing, dressing, and other activities of daily living. At the present time, this type of care is the most affected by the "ever-widening gap" between what it actually costs to care for a sick Older Adult and what the State will pay for that care.

"Low reimbursement can and does translate into poor quality of care for the sick elderly," Stillerman says.

Many providers have reacted by accepting only a limited number of residents who can pay for the care they receive. In other cases, providers have cut down on the number of staff available to assist residents leaving too many residents under the care of one staff member.

Neither of the above mentioned solutions are acceptable to Baptist Retirement Homes, which, through its Week of Prayer for the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults, raises money through North Carolina Baptist Churches to assist the poor. The "Homes" uses its offering money to pay that part of the cost of care provided the poor elderly that the State does not pay.

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THE ELDERLY POOR CONTINUED...

But funds are limited, and as the cost of providing care rises, the number who can be served is reduced. "In 1992, only one out of every five applicants for residence in one of our facilities who needed financial assistance could be served," Stillerman says.

Baptist Retirement Homes has been awarded a $75,000 grant by the Trustees and Board of Advisors of the Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust, to be matched by Baptist Retirement Homes, to develop a program to discover new and creative sources for funding the cost of care for the functionally impaired elderly poor.

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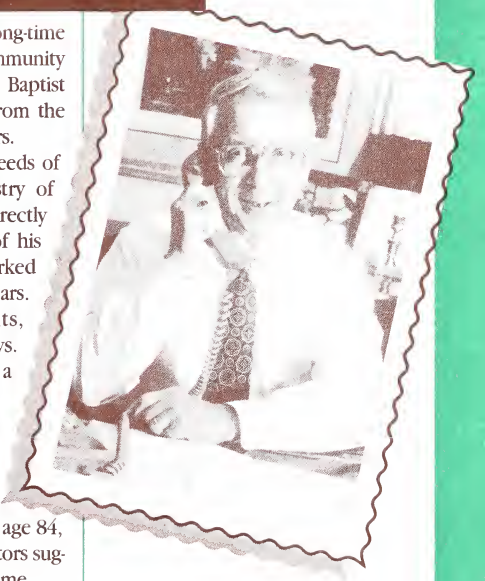
Coordinating the project is Calvin Knight, the long-time Director of Church and Community Relations for North Carolina Baptist Hospitals, Inc. who retired from the hospital last June after 22 years.

His keen interest in the needs of Older Adults and the ministry of Baptist Retirement Homes is directly related to the experiences of his own parents. His parents worked in textile mills for many years. "They had limited benefits, limited savings," Knight says. "That's the situation with a whole lot of people."

When his father died 32 years ago, his mother went to live with first one daughter, then another. But his mom, Tessie Knight, had a stroke at age 84, and she agreed when her doctors suggested she enter a nursing home.

That was 12 years ago. Mrs. Knight, 96, is now a resident in the Health Care Unit at Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. Her financial resources were depleted a long time ago, her son says. "North Carolina Baptists," Knight says, "assist with underwriting the cost of her care and many other Older Adults who find themselves in similar economic situations. We will all face old age eventually. We need to begin to think now about how we can prepare for that time."



Calvin Knight

WALTER AND ANNIE LONG

Dr. Walter Long retired in 1973 after 28 years of dynamic pastoral leadership at the First Baptist Church in Belmont and numerous committee roles in the Gaston Association. But retirement in no way meant that Long gave up his work with churches.

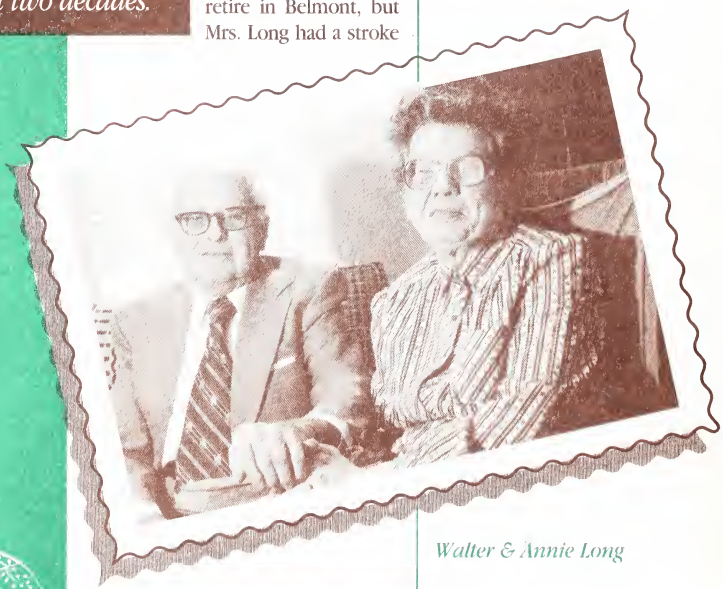
About 6,000 Americans turn 65 every day. By 1996, Baby Boomers will turn 50 at the rate of one every 18 seconds. The elderly population grew twice as fast as the rest of the population in the last two decades.

A highly respected pastoral theologian - "a prince of a man," many who have worked with him will tell you - Dr. Long went on to fill 15 interim pastorates during the next 14 years. His strong leadership led many churches through the rocky period of preparation for a new pastor.

The Longs had always planned to retire in Belmont, but Mrs. Long had a stroke in 1989 that changed their plans. They decided to move to the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem so that medical care would be close by if it was ever needed again. Mrs. Long is doing well; she uses a walker occasionally for balance. She participates in many community activities.

Dr. Long was on the original committee back in 1951 that recommended that the Homes for Aging ministry be established by the Baptist State Convention.

"Needing a Baptist Home wasn't even a dream back when I worked with that committee. I'm glad that North Carolina Baptists have moved forward in such a dynamic manner in this regard. The need is great!"



Walter & Annie Long

RICKMAN NURSING CENTER

The Rickman Nursing Care Center of the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville was dedicated in January 1992. The new facility on Richmond Hill will serve 100 Older Adults who need skilled and intermediate nursing care. **80% of the Older Adults served by Baptist Retirement Homes through this facility will be individuals who lack the financial resources necessary to pay for the care that they receive. The funding received from the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults makes this care possible.**

NORTH CAROLINA OFFERING FOR OLDER ADULTS INFORMATION MATERIALS

Videotapes
The Best of Times
Helping Hands
Making Life For Older Adults the Best of Times

Brochures
The Best of Times Brochure
Brookridge Brochure
The Rickman Nursing Care Center Brochure
History of Baptist Retirement Homes Brochure
Asheville Brochure

The above materials/videos may be ordered by writing or calling Venessia Hill; c/o Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina, Inc.; Post Office Box 11024; Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27116-1024. Mrs. Hill's telephone number is (919) 759-0462.

THAD GARNER: BAPTIST ENTREPRENEUR

Young Thad Garner scrimped and saved every dime he earned as a school bus driver and newspaper carrier, planning to use the funds for college. But he graduated in 1929, and even with $600, the times were simply too tough to go to college right then.

With some help from his father, who owned the local Yellow Cab Company, Garner decided to put his money into a local barbecue restaurant, The Dixie Pig. It was the step that changed his life and eventually gave the country Texas Pete Hot Sauce.

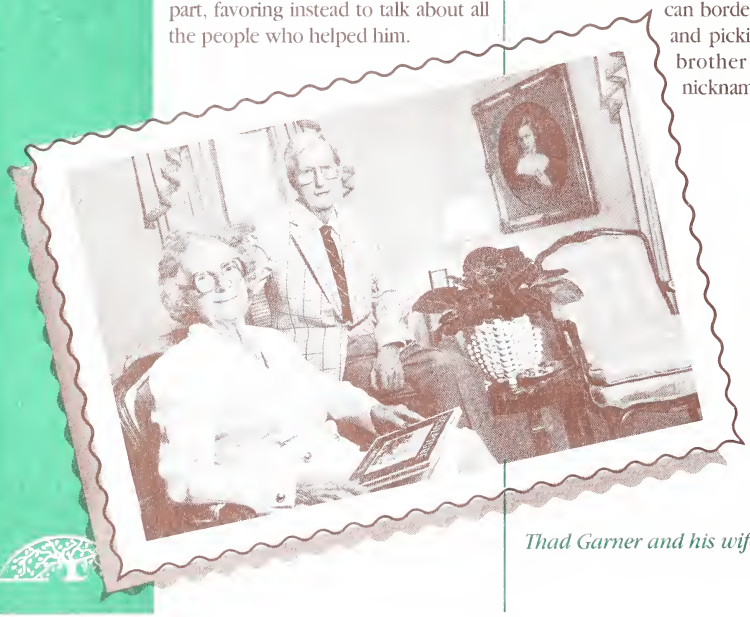
Garner and his wife, Mildred, are residents of Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem. Mildred Garner tells the story of the company's success with obvious pride in her husband's achievement. Thad Garner, however, tends to play down his own part, favoring instead to talk about all the people who helped him.

With the restaurant, the story goes, came a recipe for a spicy barbecue sauce. One day a salesman of caps and gowns for high schools, stopped for a sandwich, liked the sauce, and - always eager to increase his own earning potential - asked if he could peddle the sauce along his route.

That was the beginning of T. W. Garner Food Company, which now makes 63 varieties of Texas Pete sauces, jams, jellies and preserves.

People began asking for a spicier sauce to use with more than just barbecue. Garner created a hot sauce of peppers, vinegar and salt.

"We originally called the hot sauce Mexican Joe," Garner says, "but my father felt the name should be associated with our country. We settled on bringing the sauce north of the Mexican border to Texas and picking up my brother Harold's nickname, Pete."



Thad Garner and his wife Mildred

THAD GARNER continued...

Illa Hoots, Thad's mother, was the original cooker. She made the sauce in big black pots on a wood range in their home, which was adjacent to the location of the present plant in Winston-Salem. Father Samuel W. Garner gave up his cab business. Younger brothers, Ralph and Harold, worked in the restaurant after school.

By 1933, the restaurant had been sold, and the manufacturing of sauces was the company's full-time work. New sauces were added; the Dixie Pig sauce became Texas Pete Barbeque Sauce and is still one of the company's products.

Today, working alongside Thad Garner, the company's president, are his daughter, Kathryn, and sons and daughters of his two brothers. It is one of the few family-owned specialty sauce companies remaining in the United States.

Sales range in the millions annually. New products are always in the works; three of the latest are Texas Pete Honey Mustard, Buffalo Style Chicken Wing Barbecue Sauce and Bill Elliot Barbeque Sauce.

His gait may have slowed, but Garner is proud to show a visitor around the company's plant, to introduce a few of the company's 50 employees. It's clear he knows them well, not so much as their employer, but as a friend. And they have, through the years, rewarded that attitude with their loyalty; several boast of 30-plus-year careers with the company.

Those who know Thad Garner, now 80, mention his patience, his quiet strength, his concern for people, his gentle smile, his dedication, his Christian faith. It shows in the work place, in the community, and in his commitment to his local church, First Baptist in Winston-Salem. Garner has been a lifelong member of First Baptist, faithful in his stewardship, faithful in his work on committees that needed his expertise, faithful in his attendance of Sunday School and church every Sunday until age slowed him down a bit.

T. Winfield Blackwell, Jr. has known Thad Garner since they were 6-year-olds in Sunday School together at First Baptist. His law firm has represented T. W. Garner Food Company since 1946, when it was incorporated.

"Thad has always been unusually fair, always responsible, thoughtful, well-raised. He has always had a good deal of dignity - that's one of his salient features."

"Garner though hasn't let moving into a retirement community slow his work pace. He is still in his office at his desk every weekday."

Garner and his wife, Mildred are committed Christians. Over the years, they have given of their time, talent, and financial resources to make Winston-Salem a better place to live and work. They have attempted to demonstrate through their giving their faithful commitment to God.

He and Mildred noticed a few years ago that many of their neighbors were giving up their large homes for smaller quarters. They worried too about burdening their only daughter, Kathryn, with managing their affairs should they become disabled.

They decided to move to Brookridge.

Garner, though, hasn't let moving into a retirement community slow his work pace. He is still in his office at his desk every weekday.

ALBEMARLE BAPTIST HOME/ TAYLOR HOUSE

"... the kind of place I wouldn't hesitate for my mother to live in, or for me to live in myself."

The building that is home to the residents of the Albemarle Baptist Home celebrates its 67th birthday this year with a new look, a new name, and an overall new lease on life.

The building, the former Yadkin Hospital of Stanly County, was already 27 years old when it was sold to Baptist Retirement Homes in 1953 for its second home for the aging.

For the last 40 years, it has been home for many Older Adults who sought assisted living in a residential setting from Baptist Retirement Homes. It's a comfortable home in a beautiful location, sitting beneath the heavy foliage of shade trees on a quiet residential street west of downtown Albemarle. Its wide front porch and rockers beckon visitors and residents alike.

But its age was showing. Sprinkler systems weren't invented back when the building was constructed; air conditioning was a rarity. Simply adding new paint and carpeting in the halls and common areas could have perked up the atmosphere so much.

But renovations cost money, and although the Trustees were committed to sprucing up the old building, no one had been found to underwrite the cost of the Project.

That is until Carrol E. Taylor of Harrisburg was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Baptist Retirement Homes in 1990.

The folks in the Cabarrus Association and at Pitts Baptist Church already knew Carrol Taylor as a man of action. Not one to merely sit in coat and tie behind the scenes in the boardroom, Carrol Taylor had always been the first to roll up his shirt sleeves and declare, "Where do we start?" When the Baptist Men went to work at Caswell Baptist Assembly, Taylor was right in the middle of them. If the church needed a load of gravel moved, Taylor would have the loader there in no time.

Albemarle Baptist Home/ Taylor House

TAYLOR HOUSE CONTINUED...

Bill Stillerman, President of the Baptist Retirement Homes, knew Carrol Taylor and knew of his compassion for Older Adults. He encouraged Taylor to become involved in the renovation needed at the Albemarle Home and thankfully he did.

"The building had some real need for renovation," Taylor said. "The folks there were very receptive to and liked the idea of fixing the place up. It was clear they were in love with the place, and I fell in love with the folks there."

"I felt like that if I'm going to be involved as a Baptist and particularly as a Trustee, I wanted the place to be a little bit more comfortable - you know, the kind of place I wouldn't hesitate for my mother to live in, or for me to live in myself."

So Carrol Taylor pledged a majority of the financial resources to underwrite the Project and also became involved personally in getting the renovation work done. He contacted Baptist Men's groups in the three counties surrounding Albemarle for manpower, for example. Residents were moved out for the day - with help from local church members and staff - as volunteers painted the hallways and common areas.

By summer, the building was air conditioned and a new sprinkler system installed. Most individual rooms had had air conditioning units, but in the hottest months of the year, residents had to sit in their rooms with the doors closed to stay comfortable. Now residents can visit in the common areas in comfort too.

Lowered ceilings in the hallways hide the new duct work; new lighting brightens the halls. The paint, the carpeting, the awning out front - they all make the building like new again.

And with its new look comes a new name. The Albemarle Baptist Home has been renamed Taylor House, as thanks to the man who saw that the job got done.

The Taylor House is one of the few places in the state that continues to accept Older Adults regardless of their ability to pay for the long-term care services they receive.

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The residents love the new look and all the new friends they made as volunteers came to know about the Home. Taylor says, "I like to see how excited people can get when they realize a need and know they can help others. That's really what our ministry to Older Adults should be about."

Carrol Taylor

STUDY GUIDE: CHILDREN

PURPOSE

To introduce children to the work of the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina and emphasize the important contributions of Older Adults to Baptist life.

PREPARATION

Learn all that you can about the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Read the rest of this booklet to familiarize yourself with the care provided by the "Homes" and to learn about several Older Adults in North Carolina who continue to lead productive, meaningful lives well past their 60th birthdays. Review the Bible stories of Abraham and Sarah, and Elizabeth and Zechariah. Study the suggested scripture passages and consider their relevance to today's Older Adults.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

1. Genesis 17: 1-22 (God's covenant with Abraham)
2. Luke 1: 5-26, 39-80 (Zechariah & Elizabeth)

PRESENTATION:

The following lesson is intended for children in the 1st - 6th grades:

After welcoming the children to the session, open with a word of prayer. Tell the story of Abraham and Sarah to the children or read it aloud to them. Discuss the meaning of the story, asking questions like the following:

1. Who was Abraham and what do we know about him from other stories?
2. Who was Abraham's wife and how old was she?
3. By what name was Abraham originally known?
4. What was God's covenant with Abraham?

Next, relate the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth. Discuss the meaning of the story and ask some questions like the following:

1. What was Zechariah's job?
2. Who came to visit Zechariah in the temple and what did he tell Zechariah?
3. How old were Zechariah and Elizabeth?
4. Who was their son and what did he do?
5. Who visited Elizabeth and what did they do for each other?

Remind the children that Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah, and Elizabeth were all Older Adults when God came to them. Talk with the children about the all-inclusive nature of God's kingdom, where people of all ages share significant purposes.

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Using the articles provided in this booklet, tell the children about some of the Baptist Older Adults (like Thad Garner) who continue to lead fulfilling lives well past the age of 65.

Form a circle and ask each child to tell the group about an older person that has meant something special to him or her. The children might talk about a grandparent, friend, etc. who despite being older, still continues to live a meaningful life.

GAME ACTIVITY: MUSICAL CHAIRS

Organize the children in the center of the room for a unique twist on musical chairs. Each child brings a chair to the center of the room, then one is taken away. The children march around the chairs to music. When the music stops, everyone scampers for a chair. One child, of course, has no place. Here's the catch: the left-out child is escorted to an area in the corner of the room where he is given a chair of his own. Continue removing chairs and marching around until only one child is left.

At the conclusion of the game, tell the children about the Medicaid problems for Older Adults in North Carolina (using information from "The Elderly Poor" on page 3). The musical chairs game is a metaphor for the work of the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. As the gap between cost and reimbursement widens, many elderly people are "left out" and, just like that one child has no place to sit, an increasing number of elderly people have no quality long-term housing. Just as the left-out child is provided with a place to sit, the "Homes" provide a place in which Baptists can care for their Older Adults.

MISSION ACTIVITY:

Older Friend Dinner

Ask each child to invite their special Older Friend to a dinner prepared at the church. Have each child and special Older Friend sit together. Games, singing, and inspirational speakers could be a part of the evening's activities.

CONCLUSION:

Using the information provided in this booklet, introduce the children to the services provided to Older Adults in North Carolina by the Baptist Retirement Homes. Tell them that just as God had a special purpose for all his children in biblical times, we continue to recognize the important contribution that Older Adults make toward our everyday lives. Challenge your children to learn more about the work of Baptists in this area. Encourage them to find out how they can be a part of this ongoing mission.

Close the session in prayer.

In 1992, there were 36,000 older adults over the age of 100 living in the United States. In 2020, it is projected that the number of Older Adults 100 years of age and older will increase to 800,000.

STUDY GUIDE: YOUTH/ADULTS

PURPOSE

Care for the elderly has been an integral part of North Carolina Baptist missions for over forty years. Youth and Adults ought to be aware of the needs of Older Adults in this state and the work of the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina.

PREPARATION

Learn all that you can about the Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina. Read the rest of this booklet to familiarize yourself with the care provided by the "Homes" and to learn about several Older Adults in North Carolina who continue to lead productive, meaningful lives well past their 60th birthdays. Review the Bible stories of Abraham and Sarah, and Elizabeth and Zechariah. Study the suggested scripture passages and consider their relevance to today's Older Adults.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

1. Genesis 17: 1-22 (God's covenant with Abraham)
2. Luke 1: 5-26, 39-80 (Zechariah & Elizabeth)

PRESENTATION:

The following study is designed for use with youth in the 7th - 12th grades and adults of all ages:

- Open the study with a word of prayer.
- After welcoming those present, read the story of Abraham and Sarah, or invite a member of the group to read it for you.
- Discuss the following with your group:

1. What is the significance of God's covenant with Abraham?
2. Who are some of the leaders that are born into the "host of nations" fathered by Abraham?
3. Although the Israelites might have gauged time a bit differently during the Old Testament period, we can be assured that Abraham and Sarah were Older Adults when God blessed them with Isaac. What might this tell us about God's intended role for older people?

- Relate the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth to the group. Discuss the following:

1. Why did God take Zechariah's voice?
2. What role will their child fulfill when he grows up?
3. How do Elizabeth and Mary comfort each other?
4. Elizabeth and Zechariah are both well past the child-bearing years, and yet they are a major part of God's plan. What does this tell us of God's will concerning Older Adults?

- Using the Bible stories as a point of transition, open discussion about the role of Older Adults in society today. Use the people discussed in this booklet as examples of active Older Adults who do important things every day.
- Break into small groups, giving each group one of the articles in this booklet. Then, ask someone from each section to tell the whole group about the person they read about (i.e., Thad Garner, Calvin Knight, Myrtle Jarrett, etc.).
- Have each small group take turns sharing stories about Older Adults that have been meaningful in their lives. Encourage each person to remember a grandparent or older friend that continues to "thrive after 65."
- To draw the discussion to a close, share with the group the information provided in the article on "The Elderly Poor" on page 3. Emphasize the "ever-widening gap between cost and reimbursement" that prevents proper care for Older Adults in this state. Discuss the problems facing North Carolina as its population ages. Remind the group that the Baptist Retirement Homes is trying to provide care that allows Older Adults to age with dignity.
- Ask the group to consider what they can do to further the mission work of Baptists with the elderly. Challenge them to be better informed by reading about the work of the Baptist Retirement Homes in Baptist publications. Challenge them

to do volunteer service at one of the facilities operated by Baptist Retirement Homes or a facility in their local community. Challenge them to participate in the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults.

- Finally, review the important role in God's kingdom held by the elderly. From the biblical times of Abraham and Elizabeth to the modern times of Carrol Taylor and Walter Long, Senior Adults have provided significant contributions to the world around us.
- Close the session in prayer.

YOUTH MISSION ACTIVITY:
Adopt-A-Grandparent

Ask each youth to consider adopting an Older Adult who lives in a nursing/rest home in your community as a grandparent.....thus agreeing to visit that person on a regular basis for a set period of time.

STUDY GUIDE: CHURCH-WIDE ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

Select a person from the Speakers List that has been mailed to your church by the Baptist Retirement Homes and on Sunday morning let that person tell your congregation about the Retirement Homes' ministry with Baptist Older Adults.

The Sunday evening service at your church might include a panel discussion by active Older Adults who now live at one of the retirement facilities operated by the Baptist Retirement Homes. The discussion could center on such subjects as planning for retirement, the transition from community living to living in a retirement setting, etc.

Sunday morning and Sunday evening might also include music by the church's Senior Adult Group or the choir group sponsored by the Baptist Retirement Homes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Following the Wednesday evening meal, show the 10 minute video, "Making Life for Older Adults The Best of Times," a new video that highlights the nursing care ministry of the "Homes."

Following the video, discuss the following questions:

1. Is it true that one of the greatest needs facing North Carolina Baptists as they move into the year 2000 is the adequate provision of quality affordable long-term care?

2. What can our church do to improve the quality of care offered in the long-term care setting in our community?

3. How can we make long-term care more affordable for all Older Adults?

4. What does the Bible have to say about Older Adults and God's interest in their welfare?

Having discussed the above questions, break up into smaller groups by age to discuss the materials in the Study Guide.

Feature stories written by Nell Perry Bovender

Study Guide material written by Todd Stillerman

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Winston-Salem, NC 27106

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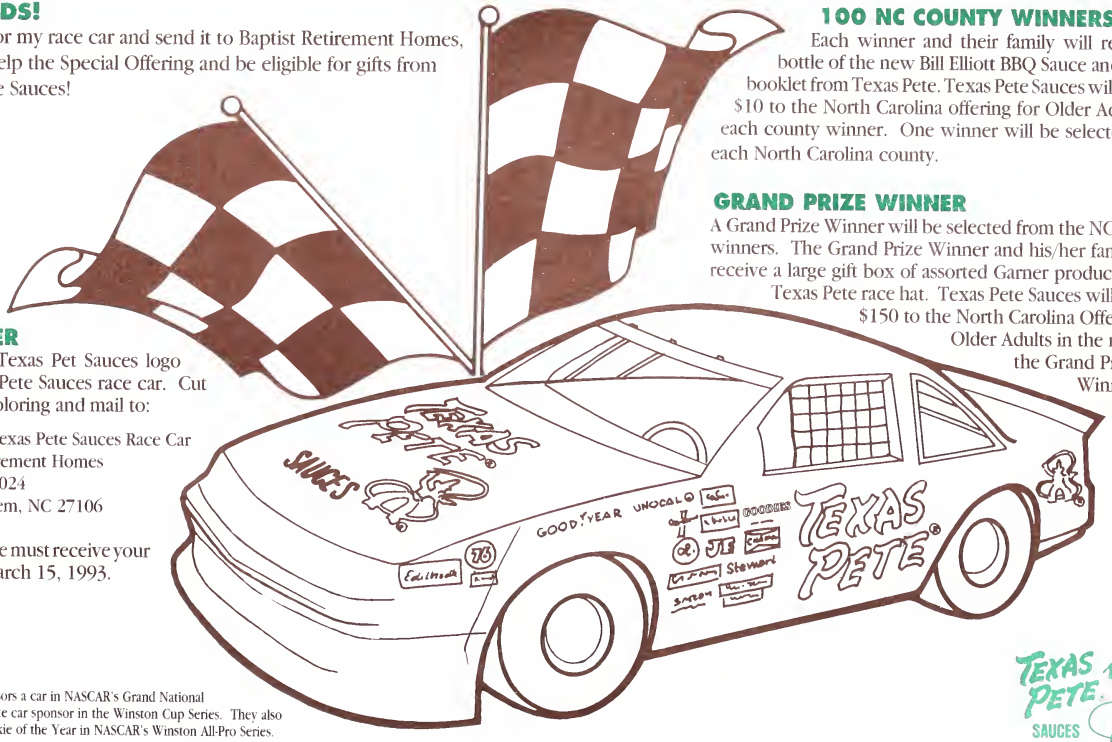
100 NC COUNTY WINNERS

Each winner and their family will receive a bottle of the new Bill Elliott BBQ Sauce and recipe booklet from Texas Pete. Texas Pete Sauces will donate $10 to the North Carolina offering for Older Adults for each county winner. One winner will be selected from each North Carolina county.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

A Grand Prize Winner will be selected from the NC county winners. The Grand Prize Winner and his/her family will receive a large gift box of assorted Garner products and a Texas Pete race hat. Texas Pete Sauces will donate $150 to the North Carolina Offering for Older Adults in the name of the Grand Prize Winner.



Texas Pete sponsors a car in NASCAR's Grand National and is an associate car sponsor in the Winston Cup Series. They also sponsor the Rookie of the Year in NASCAR's Winston All-Pro Series.

TEXAS PETE SAUCES

RESORT AND RECREATION

Mission Groups Target Memorial Day Weekend

There will be a meeting during the NCBM convention in Raleigh on January 17–19, 1993 for anyone interested in doing a Rest Stop Ministry on a holiday weekend. It is my goal that on Memorial Day weekend in '93 that every rest stop in North Carolina would have Baptist Men and women giving coffee, water and soft drinks to travelers along our highways. Many have found this to be a very simple ministry to do and everyone comes away with a good feeling about doing something for a fellow person in the name of our Lord. We have churches, associations and groups doing this ministry on various holiday weekends, but I want to see if we can go statewide with this on Memorial Day 1993.

On Saturday afternoon during the convention we will meet to plan for this. During this time we will have a panel of guests that have participated in this ministry to share how they do it and some of the do's and don'ts they have experienced in conducting their rest stop ministry. If you or someone in your church would be interested, please plan to attend the session on Saturday afternoon. If you should have questions please feel free to contact me as listed below or through the NCBM office.

Jim Burchette
State Resort and Recreation Ministries
4704 Waterbury Road
Raleigh, NC 27604

Brunswick Church Develops Project

Here is a good example of Resort Ministry that is going on at Brunswick Islands Baptist Church in Supply, NC. Jack Hancox is the Pastor.

Camp Ground by the Sea

Services held each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. in the Little Brown Hut located on the grounds at Camp Ground By The Sea located on Holden Beach.

Attendance ranged from 13 to 52 with an average for the season (which begins Memorial Day Weekend and ends Labor Day Weekend) of 29 per Sunday.

Total offering for summer — $323.72

12 ministers and the Big "A" Club from Ft. Mill, South Carolina participated in these services.

Several local individuals and quartets provided special music each Sunday.

Two childrens' leaders and 21 children from the Catholic Church attended on one occasion.

This is a resort ministry and is sponsored by the Brunswick Islands Baptist Church in cooperation with the Brunswick Baptist Association and the management of the Camp Ground By The Sea.

Services are under the direction of Mrs. Mary Banner, Missions Development Director of the Brunswick Islands Baptist Church.

MEDICAL/DENTAL MISSIONS

Medical/Dental, Nursing Fellowships Set Annual Meeting

February 5-6, 1993

Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro

Plan now to join us for a very inspiring and informative time! Hear our medical missionaries and mission volunteers and meet your medical co-workers who are committed to missions. Registrations begin at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 1993. The program begins at 6:45 following the evening meal. Saturday noon meal concludes the meeting.

Spouses, children, and friends are welcome. Invite your co-workers to attend. Many healthcare Baptists still have not heard about BMDF and BNF.

For a copy of the program and reservation form, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Medical/Dental Bus Usage August 1991–1992

DECISIONS — 74
SHOW & TELL — 9
USAGE — 56
DOCTORS — 96
DENTISTS — 92
NURSES — 269
VOLUNTEERS — 894
PATIENTS — 2045
TOTAL NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS — 1,351
TOTAL BOOKINGS PER ASSOCIATION — 65
TOTAL USAGE DAYS — 103

Dear Friends,

Jean and I want to thank you from the bottom depths of our hearts for praying for us and our Partnership in Evangelism Mission Trip "To Russia With God's Love" Donetsk Crusade, in the Ukraine Republic, August 12–27, 1992 with Evangelist Dr. Jim Ponder of Orlando, Florida.

The team of 49 men and women from 33 cities and 14 states spent 8 days in the Donetsk region of Ukraine, a strategic industrial, mining and agricultural center of over 3 million people. The entire group was divided into nine teams for as many churches and conducted revival-type services the first four days, and the central team conducted Regional Rallies. Jean and I were assigned to a team led by preaching evangelist Frank Keels, pastor of Rosewood Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C., and music evangelist Mike Baker, minister of music in Washington Baptist Church, Pelzer, S.C., along with Bill Whitener from our church. We worked at a Baptist church of about 250 members in Konstantinovka, an industrial city of 112,000 people about 45 miles from Donetsk.

On the fifth day all the teams went to Lenin Square in the center of the city. It was Ukraine Independence Day and their first anniversary. Here we were in a busy square, with people everywhere, in the shadow of a large statue of Lenin, passing out tracts and scripture portions, and witnessing for Jesus. Later we had an open air rally with singing, testimonies, and Gospel message by evangelist Dr. Jim Ponder. Literally hundreds responded to the invitation to receive Christ.

The final three days were reserved for a Central Crusade each evening in the Donetsk Ice Palace Sports Center, and Lay Evangelism Schools in the mornings for leaders and others in the churches. The vast majority of those attending these sessions were young people, who wanted to learn how to reach others for Jesus Christ. The crusade services each evening were powerful and moving . . . singing by Russian choirs, special music and testimonies, and the powerful preaching of a simple gospel message by Dr. Ponder. At the invitation a sea of people flooded the front of the stage and filled the aisles. It appeared that almost half the people attending the crusade on Friday and Saturday responded to the invitation to receive Christ, and on Sunday evening the largest crowds were present. On that evening it looked as if two-thirds of those present came forward at the invitation and prayed to receive Christ. It was an overpowering experience. I thought I was in the book of Acts.

On Saturday we participated in six street meetings at the same street corner- three in the morning and three in the afternoon. We passed out tracts and gospel portions and witnessed. Over 200 people stepped forward and prayed to receive Christ. It was almost unbelievable. I have never seen such a spiritual hunger for the gospel anywhere in my lifetime. We had a loudspeaker, the singers would draw a crowd as others invited people to participate, still others had an interpreter, engaged people one-on-one, one of the preachers would bring a simple gospel message, and asked those who wanted to receive Christ to move forward and he would lead them in a prayer .. and they came, and they came, and they came. A different group each time, but time, after time, after time, they came. Had we not reserved giving Bibles only to those who prayed to receive Christ, we would have been swamped. At the last street meeting, the pastor turned the microphone over to me and told me to "go for it." I shared why I had come to Russia, gave a personal testimony and presented a simple plan of salvation, and asked those who wanted to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, to move forward and I would lead them in a prayer. Twenty-seven people stepped forward and prayed out loud phrase for phrase as the interpreter repeated my words. I did not know, until they prayed, that we only had three Bibles left. I told them we had run out of Bibles, but that we had more at the hotel, and that we wanted each of those who had prayed, to have their own copy of the precious Word of God, and we would see that they received a copy if they would follow us to the hotel, a block and a half away. All 24 people followed us to the hotel, where we got a case of 24 Bibles and presented a copy to each of them. Other teams had similar results.

I praise and thank God for the outpouring of His Spirit in Donetsk . . . and for the harvest of souls. Over 12,534 people prayed to receive Christ. The Church/Witnessing Preaching Team members led 1,934 to Jesus in regional churches—338 in witnessing visitation, 807 in church revival-type services, and 789 in street and open-air ministries. In the Central Crusade, over 10,600 received materials in response to the invitation to receive Jesus in two regional rallies, the Lenin Square Independence Day rally, and the three crusade services at the Sports Palace. I praise God for the distribution of over 40,000 Bibles, New Testaments, gospel portions, and witnessing pieces.

One of our two Russian guides, Valentina, who met us when we entered the country through customs, and stayed with us until we boarded the plane to leave the country, prayed to receive Jesus on the morning we departed Moscow.

The three crusade services were broadcast live on television, and rebroadcast on National Ukraine television on Sunday, August 30, 1992. No one knew what the response would be, since the people were so hesitant to sign their names . . . remembering the fear from Communist days. Over 3,500 letters have been received in the Donetsk office of the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists from people who received Jesus watching the television broadcasts of the Donetsk crusade. With the normal reluctance of the people, due to years of persecution, to publicly identify with a church, the response is fantastic. To God be the glory. Hallelujah. The Jim Ponder Ministries Board of Directors has sent an additional $3,500.00 from current operating money, to provide Bibles and discipleship materials for these new converts.

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LAY RENEWAL

'Celebrating Heritage' Theme of Conference

I just returned from the annual Renewal Conference held this year at Toccoa, Georgia. It was held to celebrate the anniversary of twenty years of renewal in our denomination. The theme was "Celebrating the Heritage of our Future." Think about it. Isn't that what Christians should be doing all the time? It is because of our past heritage that we live in the present with great confidence in the future.

During the program time, several individuals and groups were asked to speculate on "What kind of church do you think God will be building for the future." The answers were diverse and interesting. Many of the answers came in the form of looking at what kind of world was beginning to take shape and the issues we would be facing in the economy, the environment, the emerging new nations-particularly world "A" countries, and the global relationships. The answer heard most often was that the church of the future was going to have to become a more outward focused, caring church than the church of today.

Have you given any thought to how God is building or shaping your church for the future? One of the values in your church beginning the Church Renewal Journey is that it begins with a Lay Renewal Weekend, which is a wonderful event in which your church pauses in retreat simply to search and examine itself, both individually and corporately. Out of this comes a positioning of the church as to where it is currently. Then you can begin to cooperate with God in building and shaping for the future.

Does this sound interesting? If you would like more information, check the appropriate item on the back page.

1993 Lay Renewal Schedule

January 22–24 — Fellowship Baptist Church, Burlington, N.C. *
January 22–24 — Manteo Baptist Church, Manteo, N.C. *
January 29–31 — Mitford Baptist Church, Great Falls, S.C. *
February 12–14 — Mount Tabor Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, N.C. *
February 19–21 — Hickory Rock Baptist Church, Louisburg, N.C. *
February 26–28 — First Baptist Church, Clayton, N.C. *
March 12–14 — Bailey Baptist Church, Bailey, N.C. *
March 26–28 — Ashley's Grove Baptist Church, Conway, N.C. ***
March 26–28 — Leesville Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. **
March 26–28 — First Baptist Church, Eden, N.C. *
April 2–4 — Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Fuquay-Varina, N.C.*
April 16–18 — Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. *
April 30–May 2 — New Hope Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C. **
May 14–16 — Stony Hill Baptist Church, Wake Forest, N.C. **
October 8–10 — Emmanuel Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. *

* Lay Renewal Weekend
** Lay Ministry Weekend
*** Discipleship Weekend

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COMBATTING MORAL PROBLEMS

Lottery & Drunk Driving Issues May Come Before N.C. General Assembly

Supporters lacked the votes they needed in the House Finance Committee last year, so the lottery never came up for a vote. The issue will probably come up again when the General Assembly convenes Jan. 27 in Raleigh.

It is time to express thanks to legislators who have helped guarantee the lottery's defeat. If your representative was opposed to the lottery, please take a moment to thank him or her.

Three legislators deserve special thanks. First, Speaker of the House Dan Blue remained solid in his opposition to the lottery and played a critical role in maintaining the House's longstanding concern about lotteries. Second, Rep. Joe Hackney of Chapel Hill, co-chair of the House Finance Committee and lottery opponent, refused to waste the committee's time debating the bill when it became clear that supporters lacked the votes needed to pass the lottery out of committee. Third, Rep. Coy Privette of Kannapolis has served as legislative point man for lottery opponents and has been our most visible spokesperson.

Workplace Safety

All but one of the workplace safety bills introduced in the wake of the Hamlet fire were passed, though some were weakened before being passed. The one bill not ratified was S 978/H 1387. It would have extended the time during which families of workplace accident victims could file for worker's compensation. It also would have permitted employees to sue employers for removing safety guards on equipment.

Drunk Driving

The Senate Judiciary 2 Committee refused to consider H 843. It would have strengthened the state's drunk driving laws, most importantly by lowering the amount of blood alcohol required for conviction. Supporters will have to begin again in 1993 to tighten up on drunk drivers.

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A CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE FOR BAPTIST MEN AND BAPTIST YOUNG MEN

MAY 27–30, 1993
BAPTIST WORLD CENTER, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Baptist Men's University is a personal development conference that equips leaders. Qualified leaders will teach creative ministry skills in the areas of:

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Church Renewal
Evangelism

Baptist Men's University is for all men and young men. Conferences include personal development and leadership development. This is not a normal training event. Baptist Men's University will equip leaders to begin and strengthen existing units, help organize new units, and teach men how to help other men in personal development.

This training is ideal for officers of Baptist Men and Baptist Young Men units, unit members, members of the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions, and any man interested in personal spiritual development.

Make plans now to be in Nashville, Tenn., May 27–30, 1993, to become equipped to lead. The fee is $100 per person. It includes materials, registration, insurance and meals. Space is limited, so register early by sending the enclosed registration form to Baptist Men's University, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, Tenn. 38104–2493.

Clip and mail to Brotherhood Commission

Baptist Men's University Registration Form

To sign up for Baptist Men's University, copy this form for each person attending and mail to: Baptist Men's University, 1548 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38104–2493.

Name _____ Church _____

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Brotherhood Leadership Position _____

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Pioneer/HSBYM Convention Is April 2-4 at Caswell

For the first time ever the Pioneer/HSBYM Convention will be held at Fort Caswell, the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, on April 2–4, 1993.

This will be a weekend of exciting speakers, fun and fellowship. The Convention will not begin until 9:00 p.m. on Friday and will end on Sunday morning. The cost will be $48.50 per person. This includes two nights lodging, meals, and program expense.

To register, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Deadline for registration is March 19, 1993.

1993 Lad/Crusader Congress

Again this year there will be three Lad/Crusader Congresses held on April 17, 1993. The three sites will be Kinston, Thomasville, and Black Mountain. The Congress format will be basically the same with plenty of fun, fellowship and missions. More specific information will be available around February 1, 1993; however, mark your calendars now to attend this important event.

Adult Campcraft Training Dates

Adult Campcraft Training is for all Royal Ambassador counselors and High School Baptist Young Men advisors. This training will equip counselors to teach and lead successful, safe, and meaningful camping experiences. There are three levels of instructions: Basic, Advanced, and Instructor.

All three levels involve learning and teaching 12 camping skill areas. The training sessions will be held April 23–25, and October 22–24 at Camp Caraway. The cost is $30 per person. All participants must provide their own tent and sleeping bag.

Sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday.

For more information and registration check the appropriate item on the back page.

Lad Father/Son Mini-Weeks in July

For the fifth summer in a row, N.C. Baptist Men is happy to sponsor our Father/Son Mini-Weeks for boys ages 6–8 and their fathers, grandfathers, or Lad counselors during the week of July 4. The dates for this years mini-weeks are July 5–7 and July 8–10.

These exciting mini-weeks give these boys a chance to enjoy Camp Caraway at an early age without the fear of being away from family. While the staff of Camp Caraway leads the activities, the program for the mini-week is designed to give one-on-one time between fathers and sons in Bible study, mission study, and worship. There will also be plenty of time for air rifles, archery, canoeing, swimming, and a host of other fun activities. For every three boys that attend camp, there must be at least one adult.

The cost for the mini-week is $40 per person and includes a Caraway T-shirt. For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page.

Camp Caraway to open June 14

The N.C. Baptist Men's Department will open boys' camp at Camp Caraway on Monday, June 14. This marks the 31st summer of boys' camp at Caraway. Camp Caraway is centrally located about seven miles from Asheboro, NC in the beautiful Uwharrie Mountains.

The goal of Camp Caraway is to teach every camper that he is a uniquely special individual because he was created by God and is loved by God. Each boy is special and has something to offer. In every activity, including air rifles, archery, basketball, canoeing, crafts, and rapelling, the staff tries to show each boy the limitless potential he has through Christ.

The key to the summer program at Camp Caraway lies in the ability to hire an outstanding staff that genuinely cares for each camper. Each of the twenty-five dedicated young men on the staff at Caraway works hard to live up to the staff motto: Every camper deserves a counselor that cares for them just as Christ does.

The cost for a week at Camp Caraway is $85. This fee provides for room, meals, accident insurance, program and staff supervision. For the first time this registration fee includes a Caraway T-shirt for every boy who comes. Each boy will then need a modest amount of money that should not exceed twenty-five dollars for crafts, mission offering, other Caraway items, and snacks.

For more information and an application, check the appropriate item on the back page.

N.C. Christian High Adventure Applications

North Carolina Baptist Men will offer 9 weeks of Christian High Adventure (CHA) this summer with five weeks designated for young men only and three weeks designated for youth groups.

The last week of CHA is a special "Summit" week designed for only those young men who have been on a previous CHA trip. This week will offer added adventure with a little tougher terrain, as well as climbing and rappeling.

Applications are being accepted now for all nine trips. Cost of a CHA trip is $105 per person, which includes all equipment except clothing.

For an application or more information check the appropriate item on the back page.

Trip dates:

June 13–18 — HSBYM
June 20–25 — HSBYM
June 27–July 2 — HSBYM
July 4–10 — Youth
July 11–16 — HSBYM
June 25–30 — Youth
August 1–6 — Youth
August 8–13 — "Summit" (For previous participants only.)

Wingate College Lad/Crusader Day

February 13, 1993
Wingate vs Gardner Webb

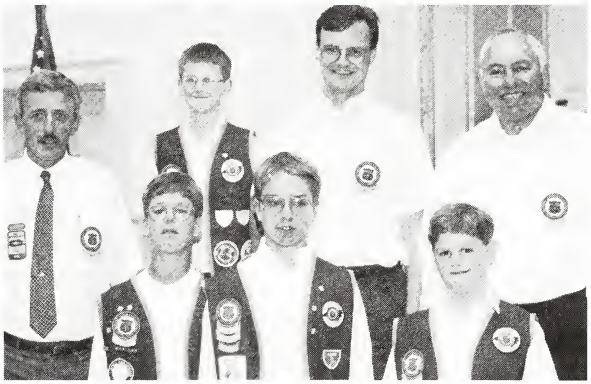
Registration — 3:00 to 5:00 (fun & games plus supper)
Program — 6:00 p.m.
Game — 7:45 p.m.
Cost — $6.00 per person includes meal, game, and program expense.

Mail registration form and check payable to Wingate College to:
Michael Hamilton
Campus Box 3036
Wingate College
Wingate, NC 28174

Registration deadline — Feb. 10

The James Russell Pioneer Chapter of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina was named the North Carolina Pioneer Chapter of the Year for 1991–1992.

Pictured are: Front row: Wes Westmoreland, Chris Holland, Jonathan Stroup, Justin Beam and David Brown. Back Row: Jeremy Fern, Jason Drum, Lindsay Hamrick and John Hamrick. Not pictured: Ben Barders and Joey Stout.



The Robert Plummer Crusader Chapter of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina was named the North Carolina Crusader Chapter of the Year for 1991–1992.

Pictured are: Front row: Chet Beam, David Mayhew, Patrick Brown. Back Row: Richard Stroup, Andy Lineberger, Jeff Robinson, Tom Mayhew. Not pictured: Alan Heavner, Kyle Bridges, Mark Putnam, Justin Wright.

The Glenn Graves Lad Chapter of Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina was named the North Carolina Lad Chapter of the Year for 1991–1992.

Pictured are: Front row: Jonathan Smith, Lan Allen, Brian Belvin, Matthew McGee, Sean Collins, Chad Reed, Joseph Tallent, Jason Goode and Richard Walthers. Back Row: Carla Beam, Janet Brown, Robbie Thomas, Camron Beam, Cline Ingle, Mark Beam, Christopher Greene, Paxton Tallent, Derek Allen and David Canipe. Not pictured: Adam Long, Allen White, Phillip Wooten and Mark shope.

CHECK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Winter 1993, For additional information and registration check the appropriate block and mail this back page (with the label) to: North Carolina Baptist Men, PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512–1107

TO RECEIVE MORE INFORMATION

N.C. Baptist Men's T-shirts (p.3)

- ❑ Adult L *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult XL *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____
- ❑ Adult XXL *Quantity*_____ = Total $_____

+ Shipping/Handling $2.00

Grand Total $_____

- ❑ Recognize your Volunteers, Feb. 28 (p.6)
- ❑ Disaster Relief Traning, Apr. 23–24 (p.6)
- ❑ Medical/Dental, Nursing Fellowships Meeting (p. 8)
  *Quantity*_____ Program & registration forms
- ❑ Pioneer/HSBYM Convention, Apr. 2–4, Caswell (p. 12)
- ❑ Adult Campcraft Training, Camp Caraway (p. 12)
- ❑ Lad Father/Son Mini Weeks (p. 12)
- ❑ Camp Caraway Application (p. 13)
- ❑ N.C. Christian High Adventure (p. 13)

TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES

- ❑ Disaster Relief Training, Apr. 23–24, Caraway (Cost: $41/person includes 1 night's lodging, 3 meals and materials.) ($10/person non-refundable registration fee due by Apr. 16)
  #_____ @ $10 = Total _____
- ❑ Pioneer/HSBYM Convention, Apr. 2–4, Caswell (Cost: $48.50/person, includes 2 night's lodging, meals and program expenses)
  #_____ @ $48.50 = Total _____

Adult Campcraft Training, Camp Caraway (Cost: $30/person)

- ❑ Apr. 23–25 #_____ @ $30 = Total _____
- ❑ Oct. 22–24 #_____ @ $30 = Total _____

Name _____
(Last) Please print (First)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Office _____ Home _____

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Registration Fee (if applicable) $_____ Number in group (if applicable)_____

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